



# Bridging Research and Practice in Gerontology

AN INVITATION TO THE  
25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE  
SOUTHERN GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
AND THE STUDENT MENTORING CONFERENCE  
APRIL 1 - 4, 2004  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Southern Gerontological Society was founded in 1979. Twenty-five years does not seem a long time. However, considering the National Institute on Aging was founded in 1974, many colleagues had the vision at that time that it was important to champion the growth of gerontology in the South.

It is very appropriate to highlight the primary goal of the Society at our *Silver Anniversary* — that is to bridge research and practice in gerontology. The bylaws of the Society show that the Society is led alternatively by a researcher and a practitioner to focus and bridge these domains. This, we believe, is a unique contribution of the Society.

The theme of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is to return to our basic root highlighting the “**bridging of research and practice in gerontology**.” Three notable features of the anniversary program are designed to enhance the celebration.

1. All former presidents are invited to submit programs on substantive issues they deem important and to plan the celebration gala at the meeting.
2. Selected leaders in substantive domains in aging and the aged have been invited to organize and lead highlighted anniversary symposia on bridging research to best practices. These symposia are highlighted in this brochure.
3. To increase student participation, the *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Mentoring Conference on Gerontology and Geriatrics* will be held in conjunction with the anniversary meeting. In fostering the next generation of gerontologists, the theme of the Conference is “Teaching students to bridge research and practice.” Information specifically for students in terms of abstract submission, scholarships, and awards and prizes is contained in gray boxes throughout this brochure.

As the President of the Society, I invite all current and new members to come together to celebrate our accomplishments and to share visions of the future. Atlanta will be beautiful in April. I hope to see you then.

Leonard W. Poon  
President

## Selected Anniversary Symposia Titles

### Bridging Research to Best Practices in:

#### Long-term Retirement Planning, Social Security and Medicare Policy

Dr. Kevin Lomax and Laura Feldman

#### Rural Health of Older Persons

Dr. Graham Rowles

#### Nutrition and Activities of Older Adults

Dr. Elaine Cress and Dr. Mary Ann Johnson

#### Maintaining Mental Health of Older Adults

Dr. Louis Burgio and Dr. Rebecca Allen

#### Family Care Among Rural Elders

Dr. Mary Harper

#### University Extension Service Outreach

Dr. Don Bower

#### Geriatric Education

Dr. Arlene Johnson

# Hotel Information



**Meeting Site and Lodging:** The 25th Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Midtown Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

**Exhibits, Sponsorship, and Program Advertising:** Exhibits are an integral part of the SGS Annual Meeting. Exhibits by universities, hospitals, home health care services, pharmaceutical firms, nursing homes, publishers, professional associates and others will be featured. SGS also welcomes sponsorship of segments of its Annual Meeting Program. For information on exhibits, advertising, or sponsorship opportunities, contact the SGS office at (239)541-2011.

**Continuing Education Units:** The 2004 SGS Annual Meeting will offer CEUs for social workers, nurses, nursing home administrators, and activity directors. Registration materials will have more information on this topic.

The official hotel for the conference is the Sheraton Midtown Colony Square Hotel. A block of rooms will be held until **Friday, February 28, 2004**. Please request the **“Southern Gerontological Society”** conference rate when making reservations. Our rate is \$129 single or double occupancy, plus applicable taxes.



Sheraton Midtown Colony Square Hotel  
188 14th Street at Peachtree Atlanta, Georgia 30361 United States  
Phone (800) 325-3535 or (866) 912-1171

## Directions

### From North

Take Interstate 75 (I-75) south and exit at 14th Street (exit 250) or Interstate 85 (I-85) south and exit at 14th Street (exit 250). Turn left onto 14th Street and the hotel is three blocks ahead of you on the left.

### From South

Take Interstate 75 (I-75) or Interstate 85 (I-85) north. Exit at 10th and 14th Streets (exit 250). Turn right onto 14th Street. The hotel is ahead three blocks on the left.

### From East

Take Interstate 20 (I-20) west to I-75/I-85 north. Exit at 10th and 14th Streets (exit 250). Turn right onto 14th Street. The hotel is three blocks ahead on the left.

### From West

Take Interstate 20 (I-20) east to Interstate 75/85 (I-75 and I-85) North. Exit at 10th and 14th Streets (exit 250). Turn right onto 14th Street. The hotel is ahead of you three blocks on the left.

### Using MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority)

From Hartsfield International Airport, take the north-south line north to stop N5 / Arts Center. This 10-minute ride will cost \$1.75 one way. Take the escalator all the way up to street level, exit the station, and turn left on 15th Street. Walk up the hill and cross over Peachtree Street. Through the mall doors, you will see the hotel.



# Presentation Formats

Each of the different presentation formats is briefly described below to help you determine which would best suit your topic. Please understand that time and space limitations may necessitate a change to a different presentation format. Carefully follow instructions for writing the abstract for your presentation format.

**Paper Sessions:** Paper presentations are approximately 15-20 minutes in length, with additional time for discussion. Several papers addressing the same issue are grouped together to form a single session. Papers should report recently completed work. Abstracts for papers should include: a) a short statement of the specific problem or topic; b) methods or approaches; c) results; and, d) conclusions.

**Poster Sessions:** Poster sessions are display presentations consisting of an exhibit of material that the author personally attends for an assigned period of time (1-1.5 hours). The display reports on current research or activities. Results are summarized in the form of graphs, tables, pictures, etc. Copies of the written report (or a summary) should be available to distribute. Follow instructions for Paper Sessions.

**Symposia:** Symposia consist of related presentations by three or four individuals. The chair leads the discussion and integrates papers within the topic. Sometimes a separate discussant is asked to summarize and comment on all presentations.

**Thematic Roundtables (Discussion Sessions):** Although no formal papers are presented in a roundtable, the session organizer(s) must develop a statement describing the session's topic and objectives. The actual session (usually 1-1.5 hours) consists of an informal presentation(s) and group discussion led by the organizer(s). Successful group discussions engage all those attending. Follow instructions for Paper Sessions.

**Workshops:** Workshops include practical or theoretical information presented by demonstration, lecture, case studies, role plays or some combination of these formats. Emphasis is on knowledge or skill development. Workshops are generally 1-1.5 hours in length. Abstracts for workshops should include: a) content to be covered in workshop; and, b) description of methods to be used.

**Student Mentoring Posters:** The Mentoring Conference employs a poster-discussion format in which posters are first displayed for questions from viewers. The students will then present the contents of the poster (a mini-paper) in a poster-discussion session. In this manner, the student will experience the construction of a poster as well as to present the research. A wide variety of research/practice, outreach, and policy contents will be considered. Poster will be displayed on easels and should be premounted on posterboard no larger than 36"x48".

# Student Mentoring Conference

The Student Mentoring Conference, originally titled the Student Convention in Gerontology and Geriatrics, was founded in 1988. Since then, fourteen regional conferences have been held highlighting current research in aging, while providing information and resources to prepare students for future careers in aging. Along this historical theme, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Mentoring Conference will focus on "Teaching Students to Bridge Research and Practice in Gerontology." Our *crystal* anniversary will provide a larger arena to display student research posters, and engage in student and faculty discussions of research issues and best practice initiatives.

The Student Mentoring Conference will consist of a keynote address, two student-faculty symposia, and a poster discussion session in which students will have an opportunity to display their posters as well as present orally the contents in a supportive environment. These programs are open to all SGS conference registrants. Cash prizes will be awarded to the three best posters/presentations. Registration scholarships of \$70 will be given to the first 100 student poster submissions accepted by the Program Committee.

All students are invited to submit posters and participate as part of the SGS meeting. Atlanta will provide an active environment for professional interaction and socialization.

Student Poster presenters will have an opportunity to present their work to a wider Southeastern audience and participate in integrated discussion



sessions. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Russell Wilson, who we believe will be of particular interest to students given his years of motivational speaking and professional career in education.

We encourage you to share this program book with both faculty and students. The conference will be a friendly and supportive environment for first-time presenters, and the exposure to other experts in the field will strengthen student's analytical analysis of their own work. Students interested in applying should be sure to follow specific instructions (see gray boxes) concerning student poster abstracts and submission.

# Instructions

## Abstract Instructions

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS  
November 14, 2003**

Please follow the instructions below, otherwise your abstract will be returned to you. When the abstract has been checked and rechecked:

- Create an email to Jodi Teitelman, Ph.D., [jteitelm@hsc.vcu.edu](mailto:jteitelm@hsc.vcu.edu)
- In the body of the message, state the first author's name, home mailing address, telephone number, and email address
- Copy the text of the abstract and paste into message body
- Briefly indicate your presentation format preference in the email: paper, poster, symposium, roundtable, or workshop (refer to page 6)
- Briefly indicate your audiovisual needs in the email: slide projector/screen, flip chart/markers, overhead projector/screen, or no AV needed (refer to page 6)
- Please make sure that the message is formatted as plain text only, not as mime or html format
- Do not send the abstract as an attachment to an email message unless that is your only option for emailing it
- **Student Mentoring poster presenters do not send your abstract to Dr. Teitelman, but to Dr. Streater (see pg 5)**

## Registration

### Guidelines

**All persons presenting** are required to register and pay the registration fee. This includes authors, presenters, poster presenters, chairpersons, discussants and all others connected with symposia, roundtables and workshops. If you submit an abstract/proposal and it is accepted, you are making a commitment to be available to present between April 1-4, 2004 in your assigned time slot, and to pay the registration fee. SGS is unable to pay for transportation, lodging, registration or any other costs associated with participation. The registration fee includes the cost of all meals and refreshments listed in the final program. **Organizational and corporate members** may register up to 3 persons at member rates. Academic programs registering at least 3 students will receive a discount on each student registration. No shared registrations. The conference offers **CEU credit** for an additional fee; see the on-site registration desk for more information. If you require **special aids or services** identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call the SGS office at (239) 541-2011 or write to SGS at the address below. To ensure that we can accommodate your needs, SGS must receive notification by March 1.

## Call for Abstracts

### Who May Submit

All those seriously committed to gerontology, including practitioners, educators, researchers, those in the social policy field, seniors and senior advocates, are invited to submit an abstract/proposal for review. Submission and acceptance of an abstract constitutes a commitment to attend the Convention and present the poster on Friday and/or Saturday, April 2 and 3, 2004. Students are encouraged to submit papers (SGS Paper Award, entry required) and posters (Montgomery Scholarship, all Mentoring Conference participants are eligible).

### Criteria for Submission

Abstracts/proposals should be factual and of general interest to others in the field of aging. A wide variety will be considered, including presentations reporting research, innovative service delivery programs, research/practice collaborations and public policy discussions. Posters will be displayed on easels and should be pre-mounted on poster board no larger than 36" x 48". Abstracts/proposals will be

evaluated in terms of the importance, timeliness and relevance of the topic, soundness of approach and clarity of presentation.

### Acceptance of Abstracts

Those who have submitted abstracts will be notified of the Abstract Review Committee's decision by December 31, 2003. Notification will be sent by email to the first author/presenter who should notify any co-authors/presenters. Please be sure to provide your email address in the abstract submission. Abstracts accepted will be posted on the SGS website: [www.wfu.edu/Academicdepartments/Gerontology/sgs/](http://www.wfu.edu/Academicdepartments/Gerontology/sgs/) as soon as possible after December 31, 2003.



# Call for Abstracts

## Abstract Content Guidelines

Required elements include:

- A statement of the issue/problem addressed
- How information was gathered (research, literature search, model demonstration/intervention)
- Data analysis, if appropriate
- Conclusions

## Abstract Formatting Guidelines:

- Word count: Strict maximum is 100 words, not including the title and biographical reference
- Title should be in capital letters
- List all presenters and include their highest degree and affiliation
- Use full first names
- Type: 12 point font, preferably Times New Roman
- Spacing: Single spaced and left-justified
- Don't forget to check spelling

## Sample 1

CLINICAL NARRATIVES AS A THERAPEUTIC TOOL: SEEKING AND HEARING OLDER CLIENTS' STORIES. Jodi L. Teitelman, Ph.D., Department of Occupational Therapy, Box 980008, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA 23298.

This workshop is based on the assumption that humans need to tell their life stories, especially when the stories are disrupted by illness or injury. [and so forth]

## Sample 2

AGING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: A BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE. Lorin A. Baumhover, Ph.D., Department of Sociology and Social Work, 216 Chapel Wilson Hall, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608; W. Edward Folts, Ph.D., Department of Sociology and Social Work, Appalachian State University; Patricia K. Suggs, Ph.D., Sticht Center Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Edward F. Ansello, Ph.D., Virginia Center on Aging, Medical College of Virginia.

One major impact of the medical advances of the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century has been dramatically improved life-expectancies for those with developmental disabilities. [and so forth]

## SGS Student Paper Award

SGS encourages abstract/proposal submissions from students and will offer a total of \$500 for the best **papers** authored principally by a student. To be eligible, a student should submit an abstract following the format outlined in this brochure.



Be sure to check the box for Student Submission under the Abstract Instructions. Once notified of acceptance for a presentation at the Annual Meeting, students who wish to be considered for the award must then submit a letter of support from a faculty advisor and three copies of the full paper, **postmarked by January 15, 2003** to: Richard Tucker, Ph.D., Dept. of Psychology, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816-1390.

## The James E. and Geneva P. Montgomery Scholarship Competition

Awards of \$200, \$100, and \$50 will be presented at the close of the Convention for the top three presented Student Mentoring **posters** as judged by a committee of faculty. All poster presenters in the Mentoring Conference are automatically eligible to compete for awards. Sponsored by the UGA Gerontology Center.

## Student Mentoring Conference Registration Fee

The first 100 accepted Mentoring Conference posters will be awarded \$70 registration scholarships. While the regular student fee is \$100, accepted student poster presenters will owe just \$30 for the conference. Students should email their abstract to Dr. Sandy Streater at [streatsa@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:streatsa@mail.armstrong.edu), not Dr. Teitelman.

## Assistance for New SGS Presenters

If you are a first-time SGS presenter or student who is unfamiliar with the prescribed abstract/proposal format, you may contact Kevin C. Lomax, Ph.D., at (706) 425-3222 / Fax (706) 425-3221 / [klomax@geron.uga.edu](mailto:klomax@geron.uga.edu). The purpose of this assistance is to provide guidance about the formatting of abstracts/proposals – **not to provide guidance about the content of presentations.**

# Registration

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## All Participants

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

## Presenter Checklist

### ABSTRACT OF YOUR PRESENTATION

Please strictly follow the directions below. This is due by November 14, 2003.

- Email abstract to Jodi L. Teitelman, Ph.D., [jteitelm@hsc.vcu.edu](mailto:jteitelm@hsc.vcu.edu)  
 Student Mentoring poster presenters should see page 5 to email Dr. Sandy Streater ([streatsa@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:streatsa@mail.armstrong.edu)) instead of Dr. Teitelman

### PRESENTATION FORMAT PREFERENCE: (Check one)

1.  Student Mentoring Poster (see page 5)  Paper  Poster  Symposium  
 Roundtable  Workshop  
2. If my first presentation choice is unavailable, I will:  
 Accept Alternative  Withdraw Abstract

**AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT:** Presenters needing any other equipment besides the options below (such as VCRs or LCD Projectors) must provide this on their own. SGS is unable to accommodate any on-site requests for equipment. AV equipment is limited and **MUST** be requested in advance. No videotape equipment will be provided by SGS. (Check all that apply)

- slide projector/screen  flip chart/markers  
 overhead projector/screen  no AV needed

**FOR STUDENTS:** I plan to seek the SGS Student Paper Award. I understand that I need only submit my abstract/proposal at this time, and that, if chosen, my complete manuscript will need to be submitted by no later than January 15, 2003.

- Yes  No

**SUBMISSION PROCESS:** Following submission of this abstract/proposal, I understand that I will be notified of the status of my submission by December 31, 2003. **I will submit the completed program registration form with payment prior to the meeting in order to ensure my place in the program.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Submit Pages 6 and 7 to Lora Gage (See Page 7)*

# Registration

## Full Conference Registration

Fee includes Exhibit Hall Reception and Presidential Gala, and does not include pre-conference intensives.

	Member	Non-Member	Student	Senior	*SGS Special Student Rate	**Student Mentoring Presenters
Early (before 3/1)	\$190 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$220 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$160 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$90 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>
Late (after 3/1)	\$220 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$130 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$190 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$120 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>

## Single Day Registration

Choose Day(s):	Thu. Apr. 1	Fri. Apr. 2	Sat. Apr. 3			
	Member	Non-Member	Student	Senior	*SGS Special Student Rate	**Student Mentoring Presenters
Early (before 3/1)	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$120 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$90 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>
Late (after 3/1)	\$130 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$150 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$80 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$120 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$70 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>

\*Special rate for students whose academic program registers 3 or more students. Registrations MUST be sent together.

\*\*The first 100 accepted Mentoring Conference posters will be awarded \$70 registration scholarships (paid to SGS to defray the \$100 registration). While the regular student fee is \$100, accepted student poster presenters will owe just \$30 for the conference. If your accepted poster is later than the 100th student's, you will owe an additional \$70 at the conference.

**Pre-Conference Intensives**  Thur. Apr. 1, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, \$25

## Extra Tickets for Special Events

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Thur. Apr. 1, 5:00pm - 9 pm, **Exhibit Hall Opening Reception**, \$20  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. Apr. 3, 6:30 pm - 9 pm, **Presidential Gala** (includes dinner and entertainment), \$30

<h3>Calculation of Payment Due</h3> <p>All <b>cancellations</b> must be received in writing by March 15. If received by March 15, there is a \$20 cancellation fee. After March 15, no refunds will be granted. After March 15, registrations will be made on site.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAYMENT OR PURCHASE ORDER REQUIRED</b></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Full / Single Day Registration</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CEUs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Tickets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New / Renew Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Amount Due</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ _____</b></td> </tr> </table>	Full / Single Day Registration	\$ _____	CEUs	\$ _____	Extra Tickets	\$ _____	New / Renew Membership	\$ _____	<b>Total Amount Due</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<h3>Membership</h3> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renew</p> <p>Enroll me as an SGS member in the following category:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual - \$75</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Organization (not-for-profit only) - \$125</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corporate - \$500 (includes 3 attendees at member rate)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Married (member &amp; spouse) - \$90</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$30</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Retired - \$30</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Retired, no Journal - \$20</p>
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## Method of Payment

Check (payable to Southern Gerontological Society)  MasterCard  Visa  Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date MM/YY \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The **Program Registration form** is available 3 ways: online at [www.wfu.edu/academics/gerontology/sgs](http://www.wfu.edu/academics/gerontology/sgs), a hard copy can be mailed to you by calling 239-541-2011, or mail this completed form with payment to:

Lora Gage  
 c/o Southern Gerontological Society  
 PMB #144, 1616-102 W. Cape Coral Pkwy.  
 Cape Coral, FL 33914  
 ph: (239) 541-2011 fax: (239) 540-8654 email: LGage4SGS@aol.com

*Submit Pages 6 and 7*

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